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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2008, and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on December 16, 2008. This paper is also responsive to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment ("Notice") mailed December 3, 2008. The Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. The Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. This response is submitted as a "submission" in satisfaction of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.114.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.